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Multiple Stakeholders

One day, your physician will be able to write a prescription, access your medical history, order lab tests, dictate and quickly look up medical information, all while you put your clothes back on.

-WR Hambrecht & Co, October 2000 ¹

The US Healthcare system currently consumes about 13.5% of the nation's GDP (Gross Domestic Product). Few service industries have the need for mobility and access to mission critical information in real-time such as health care industry. **Healthcare is a most information-intensive industry.** There is a vast need for information and communication. Health care professionals need to be mobile and to access timely information. Mobile medicine through wireless technology offers the promise of improving the quality of care, reducing medical and medication errors. In addition, mobile medicine allows access to timely information which offers significant productivity improvements through immediate access to information and data capture at the point of care. Nevertheless with all the benefits of wireless, mobile medicine raises significant issues related to security and privacy of the medical information.

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